

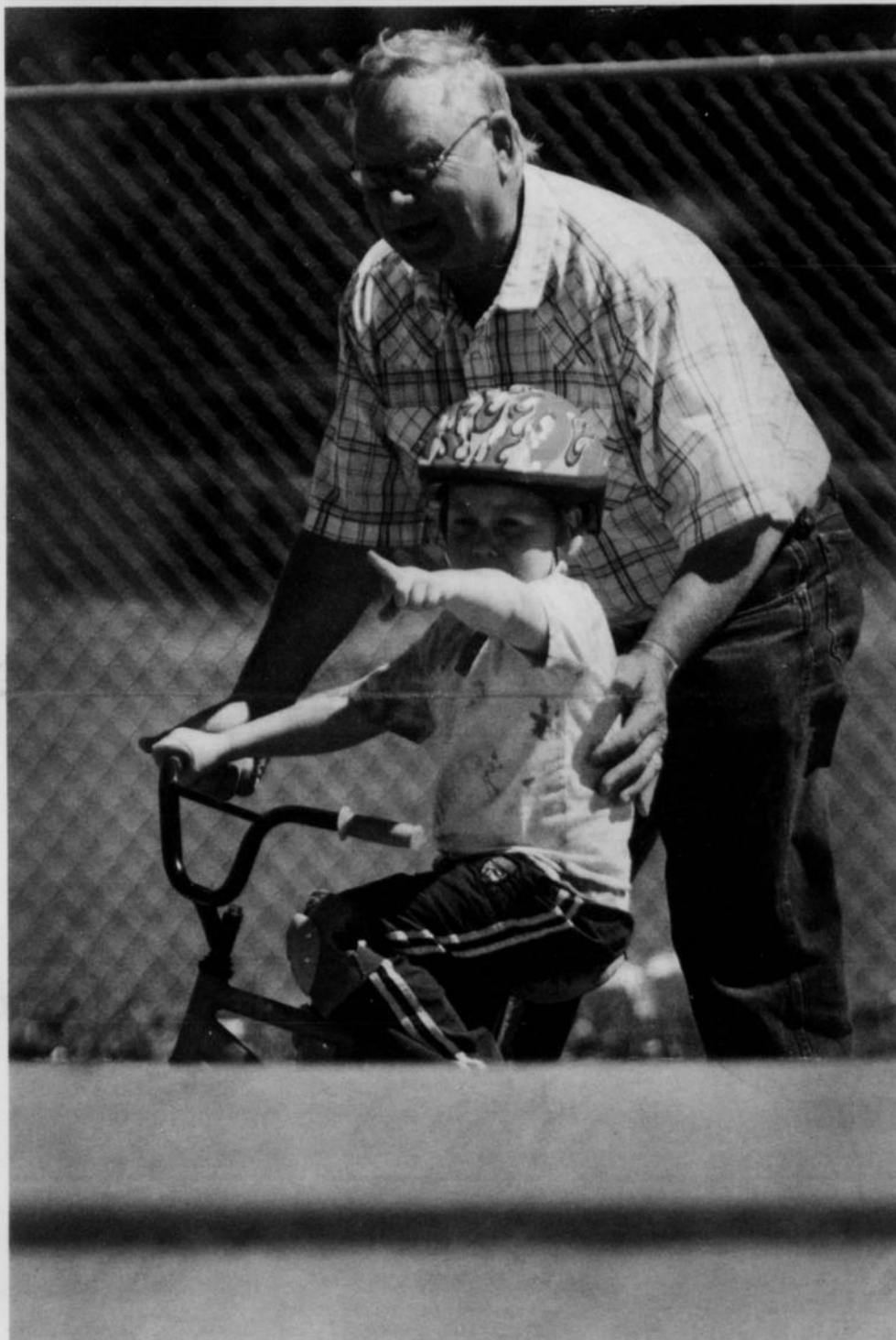
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Flood has residents urging town to fix drainage system

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
 Review Staff

It's a joke no one finds funny.

For the fourth time in two years, water gushed into Didsbury's Deer Ridge neighbourhood, roaring over catch basins, flooding basements and washing out gardens and stairways. It left some residents mopping up thousands of dollars in damage, while the municipality sought disaster relief funding.

The 'joke' is the storm water drainage system, residents say.

It was built to handle water that falls directly on the development. No one planned the system to handle all the water that would, inevitably, run downhill.

And why not, asked Deer Ridge resident Ric Wohlgenuth.

"From what I've heard this area has always had lakes of water ... why wasn't something done in the beginning? Why do we have this engineering mess?"

The development was planned almost a decade ago by CLT Contracting, which met the town's standards for neighbourhood water drainage.

What developers didn't take into consideration was the management of water flowing downhill from the tracks, which can triple or quadruple the volume, said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"That's where a good portion of the issues come from - the original engineering of that area," he said.

The first backyard flooded in 2001 and CLT Contracting tried to stem the flow with weeping tile - but five or six years later, when the town took over responsibility for the infrastructure, residents were still seeing water gush into their yards.

"Now we have to try and help manage those issues when we get these abnormal storms," said Wittal.

Nearly 20 residents piled into the council chambers Tuesday evening to urge politicians to fix the storm water drainage system. The storm on June 23 was the 'last straw' they said.

Storm water came surging into Pete Reddekopp's yard "like gangbusters."

"It was unbelievable how much water there was ... when I bought the house I wondered about flooding but then I saw the swale and catch basin and thought that would handle it," he said.

"Seeing that water though, it just opens your eyes ... I was out there bailing out my window wells so my basement wouldn't get flooded."

He said the town's public works department later told him he experienced a one-in-100-year flood.

Garry Qusack has been keeping track of the problem since he moved into the neighbourhood in 2008. The town installed a catch basin and swale at the end of 22nd Avenue behind the homes in Deer Ridge to prevent water from running into backyards, but the 12-inch pipe doesn't seem to be large enough to hold the volume of water after a storm. Water just rushes over the top of the basin while the grate gets clogged with debris, Qusack said.

"There are times when my wife has gone out there (in a storm) to rake everything off the grate," he said.

"This has been a nightmare ... obviously the drainage system isn't working."

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Rail idea spurs road fixes

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

A 14-year-old girl's quest to put up guardrails on a 'dangerous' curve south of town sparked debate among neighbours living in the area and revived calls for better road maintenance.

Kayla Ellingson went to council last month, hoping to win support for guardrails along the section of Rge. Rd. 1.5 where a Didsbury teenager fishtailed and plunged into a coulee.

She was prepared to help pay and councillors said they'd look into it.

"I see people take that corner so fast and it just sends chills up my spine ... they just get so close to the edge," Ellingson said.

"I want (these guardrails) so bad."

Residents in the area had mixed feelings about the rails. Some said they had wondered for years why there wasn't a guardrail along that first turn. Although they know to slow down, visitors may not. Others said the real problem is maintenance. Since the town annexed the land two years ago, the road has fallen into disrepair.

It's full of bumps and ruts and missing gravel - that never happened when the county owned the property, said Brian Neufeld, resident.

"The town has not kept it up ... when they did get a grader out there it pushed all the gravel into the ditch and that hasn't been replaced. We got mud holes and major problems when it rains and yeah, it's a safety problem," he said.

As for the sharp turn at the top of the coulee - there are enough signs that drivers should know to slow down, he said.

"I think 99 per cent of the people who drive it, know the road. In the 52 years I've lived here I only know of one death on that hill."

Cory Maennchen also lives in the area, and has requested the town repair the road but was told there was nothing in the town budget. A letter sent to her went as far as to suggest they were considering closing down the stretch all together.

It would be "horribly inconvenient" for residents to get into town if that happened, she said.

"I think the best solution is to just fix it," she said.

"I'm not sure why nothing has been done. Maybe it's because the town isn't used to taking care of gravel roads ... but it gets really, really sloppy out there when it gets wet and there's washboard along that road. It's dangerous."

Councillors discussed residents' comments in chambers last Tuesday. They also received a report from ISL Engineering and Land Services, which said the 'deep cut' along Rge. Road 1.5 "is a safety hazard and needs to be protected by installing longitudinal traffic barrier system."

The cost? \$180,863.

"I think that amount would be too much to expect for fundraising and ... there's no money like that in the budget but if council feels it's a dangerous road our recommendation would be to close it," said Roy Brown, chief administrative officer to councillors.

Councillors were opposed to shutting down the road and took the idea of guardrails as information.

Rails didn't seem to be something residents in the area were in favour of, said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"They said it isn't an issue if the road is maintained properly ... there seems to be some washboard under the road there, and fixing that could be quite easy," he said.

The decision to dismiss the rails was disappointing for 14-year-old Ellingson and her mother, Juanita.

"I'm proud of her for trying to do something to help ... and if nothing else she raised awareness about the curve so people slow down when they drive it," Juanita said.

Groups meet to help families

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

A Didsbury committee has sprung back into action this month to help a growing number of needy families.

Local groups have reported a spike in people coming through the door looking for financial aid. Didsbury Neighborhood Place saw 12 people in the last four months - up from 12 people total in 2006. The groups looking for aid seem to be seniors and families.

"We think the economy is still affecting people. They are coming through our doors looking for help finding a job or in paying rent and child care bills," said Nicole Aasen, manager of community services for the Town of Didsbury.

And the resource centre isn't the only place people are turning to. The Zion Evangelical Missionary Church has seen an additional three or four people each month needing help from the benevolence fund or getting to the food bank in Olds.

"We have seen an increase ... and it made me start to wonder if we've been addressing these people in the right way. What are other groups doing? Should we be giving out money? Are we enabling?" said youth pastor Colin Creighton.

New questions prompted the Didsbury Community Action Group to meet this month. The group - with organ-

izations from Olds and Didsbury - first gathered four years ago to look at gaps in services and resources and how to help people in need. They talked about adding another food bank, bringing in Big Brothers and Sisters and getting transportation for people who need to get to the food bank or medical appointments. That talk died down when the group began to focus on their vision for a non-violence committee.

"All our energy in the last couple of years seems to have gone to creating this non-violence committee ... we kind of veered away from our original mandate," said Penny Waddell, supervisor with Alberta Family and Child Services and member of the Didsbury Community Action Group.

"But we thought it might be time to re-establish again with all these vulnerable families ... and do some information sharing."

Organizations spanning Alberta Family and Child Services to the Didsbury/Carstairs Ministerial have agreed to create a resource directory that will include contact numbers and excerpts for each group offering aid.

It's an important first step, Aasen said.

"Sometimes it's hard to know what other groups are doing so now we'll be able to give people better answers ... and they can also have this one-page contact list which will help them figure out who could help best," she said.

Neufeld checks up on Didsbury donations

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Haiti is still 'a mess' six months after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the country, killing over 200,000 people and rendering a million more, homeless.

Aid is slow to get to towns near the mountains, like Petit Goave, and many roads in communities are still blocked with rubble, said Glen Sharegan, disaster response manager with Samaritan's Purse.

"I've heard 750,000 people are still homeless. We are trying to create homes for them but ... it's a slow process. We have to bring in wood by barge."

In the meantime more than a million people are currently living in temporary shelters, made of two-by-fours and tarps. Near the capital, Port-au-Prince, reports say destitute refugees are living in squalor in these tent cities; others are being evacuated this week because their makeshift camps are prone to flooding and mudslides as the Atlantic and Caribbean hurricane season kicks into gear. The UN has identified 130 tent cities at risk from rains and winds.

There have also been accusations by Haitians themselves that foreign aid isn't getting to the people.

But the news is not all bad, Sharegan said - and he's bringing Didsbury resident Rod Neufeld to Haiti this week to prove the point.

"The country is still a mess and the need is huge. There are cases where the need just has not been addressed by all the NGOs (non-governmental organizations) at this point," he said.

"I don't think anyone is content with how long it's taking to get Haiti back to where it was ... but the reality is there is lots to do and things have to be prioritized. The people we have helped though, are trying to get on with their lives and that's a good thing."

He said in tent cities some families have started to string up curtains and make shelves out of bunk beds. They are planting banana trees near the homes and bending rain barrel spouts so they have running water in their homes. You can see the hope, Sharegan said.

Permanent homes are being built - though each one is taking about 20 days. It could be up to two years before families are settled in.

The UN estimates it will take 10 years to rebuild Haiti.

Neufeld will see the progress when he tours the coast from Port-au-Prince to Jacksonville Beach with four other Albertans this week. He will visit tent cities and medical clinics and see programs helping displaced families that Didsbury helped to sponsor through donations.

Didsbury residents and businesses helped raise \$32,000 in a fundraising blitz last January. The dollars were given to Samaritan's Purse and matched by the federal government for a total \$65,000.

"I'm looking forward to going and I hope to see our money has been put to good use with people getting the shelters they need and orphanages getting supplies," Neufeld said, days before his trip.

"I'm going to take pictures and recordings and let people know how things went when I get back."

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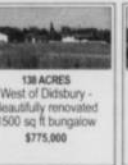
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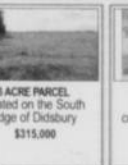
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Daycare accreditation rises

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

The number of accredited child care facilities in Carstairs and Didsbury will be increasing over the next several months as directors learn more about the benefits.

Currently, the Alberta Child Care Accreditation program - a voluntary self study guide aimed at child care centres such as daycares and preschools - has an 83 per cent compliance rate in the province. Of the 11 licensed facilities in Carstairs and Didsbury three have been accredited so far.

The 27 per cent in this area is a reflection of the time it takes to complete the self-study program, rather than an aversion to the program itself.

"I've been open for five months and I have to wait until six before I can start," said Tammy Bosch, owner of Picaso Kids Learning Centre in Carstairs. Bosch has worked at other facilities before that have gone through the process and said it can take up to 15 months.

For Shauna Kinakin and Angie Wilkey of Kids Palace in Carstairs, they said it took them just over a year to get everything completed.

"The pre-accreditation guide comes in a big box and you're expected to fill out everything in it," said Wilkey. "There's checklists on how staff would handle certain situations, there's interviews with parents, and lists to see if you have the right toys and music," she said, explaining that the paperwork can be daunting at first.

She said while the daycare is accredited at Kids Palace, they're still waiting on a site visit for their out of school program. Wilkey said there's no availability for the visit until 2011.

Yvonne Fritz, Alberta's children's services minister said she believes she'll see 95 per cent of child care facilities completing accreditation in the next 24 months.

"That's because parents are looking for programs that are educational for their children as young as a few months," she said.

Sandra Beckman, executive director of the Alberta Association for the Accreditation of Early Learning and Care Services explains accreditation "is like the Good Housekeeping seal of approval. It's over and above."

Beckman said it is a self-reflective process that demon-

strates child care services exceed basic regulatory requirements.

"They do a lot of checklists on interactions between adults and children," she explained. "They observe the children to find out what their interests and abilities are and adjust the program accordingly."

She thinks the hesitation for some people to go through accreditation is the work involved.

"We suggest that parents be involved, staff be involved, owner-operator or director and so it's a bit embarrassing if you have a whole crew working on it and you have the big site visit and they you've got to come back and say 'uuuh' we weren't successful."

For Kinakin and Wilkey the work was worth it.

They said the government gives just over a \$2 an hour top-up to employees that they said helps hold and maintain the staff.

"It benefits the kids when they know who their caretaker is," said Kinakin. "Strong relationships are important because staff get to know the individual's routine."

And for Bosch, her push to become accredited is the quality of care she said comes with it.

"I've done this many times with other facilities. I believe I already am running an accredited daycare," she said. "As parents become more aware they'll look for the quality programming."

She thinks people should take advantage of it while they can still get government funding for it.

"There's all this money there for staff and it doesn't always get used so you have to ask if quality is really being reached," Bosch said oftentimes training is offered throughout the week that requires a business to sacrifice staff. "That can be really tough unless you have ample staff."

She also doesn't think there's enough site visiting between the renewal years.

"You can say you have a high quality program but not follow through - I've seen that happen at several centres."

Beckman feels confident validators do a thorough job.

"Validators don't know the people and are observing and writing down objective information so it's the best situation," she said.

Beckman said on average 14 per cent of daycares that apply for accreditation are unsuccessful on their first attempt. Only two per cent are unsuccessful their second time.

Grass cuts nixed again

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Residents continue to call for cuts to Southridge Valley Park three years after the town turned it into a natural corridor.

Gloria Penno said residents in the area want to see the maintenance kept up.

"People used to come here to take wedding photos, it was just so beautiful ... but they don't come here anymore. The area is disgusting," she said.

Southridge Valley Park was turned natural in 2008 when Parks and Recreation decided it would cost less to allow the area to go wild. It would also eliminate the ongoing challenge of cutting grass on a steep incline, the department said.

Residents, especially those on the north side of the east coulee, were opposed to the change from the start and resistance continues today - with council receiving six complaints in the last six months. They received 11 when the park was first transitioned.

Garry Sande is opposed to the park and has taken its upkeep into his own hands. He mows the grass past his fence down to the hillside.

"It's an eyesore. I feel sorry for people who have to look out their window at it," he said.

The park has a gravel path that winds along the creek with either side of the rock teeming with brown, waist-high grass and weeds. Three years ago the grass was rich green and trimmed short.

Councillors considered changing Southridge Valley Park back to its original state in wake of recent complaints. Charlie Macdonald, manager of public works, also came forward this year with concerns about the tall grasses being a fire hazard.

But council voted to keep the park as it is.

"I suppose there's a safety concern ... but I think (the area) looks good," said Coun. Bob Davidson.

"I am not in favour of going back to mowing."



By Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Pete Reddekopp listens in a speech to council about Deer Ridge's storm water management system. Almost 20 people showed up.

Flood

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Qusack and other residents of Deer Ridge, want to see well-placed catch basins and permanent fixes - because basements have the potential to be flooded again. The hillside could also become eroded from rushing water, they said.

"I'm tired of taxpayer money being used for band-aid fixes. There needs to be something done," Wohlgermuth said.

"(The town) needs to be making standards for developers about storm drainage systems and then make sure it's enforced."

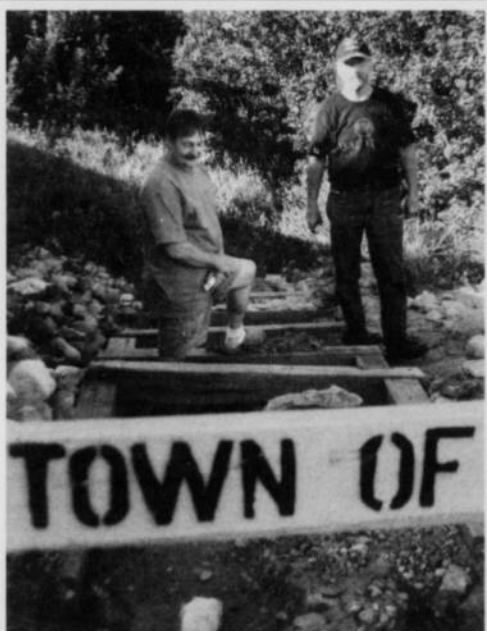
Councillors discussed options in a closed meeting Tuesday because of land and legal reasons but later said they'll be looking at re-engineering the area to prevent overflow scenarios. They also discussed changing standards.

A final decision is expected in the fall based on how much changes could cost. If councillors move forward on Deer Ridge, work could

start next spring.

"I understand that it's frustrating, no doubt, for residents because they are left holding the bag as far as damage but from the town perspective, we find it frustrating too," Wittal said.

"We try to remediate but Mother Nature seems to keep tossing us another one, so can we afford to take this to the next level?"



By Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Ric Wohlgermuth and Garry Qusack of Deer Ridge take a look at stairs that were completely washed out during the June 23 storm.

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Scams violate home security

DAN SINGLETON

RCMP and provincial government officials recently issued a public warning for residents across the province to be on the lookout for scam artists targeting homeowners left vulnerable by recent storm or flood damage.

There has been a marked increase in the number of criminals – acting both individually and in groups – promising to complete repair work but stealing instead, say police.

At the very time when those homeowners are in need of honest assistance to get their lives back on track, criminals posing as legitimate contractors are ripping them off, leaving families not only out of their hard-earned cash but also feeling victimized in a place where they should feel safe.

"Unfortunately, natural disasters present an opportunity for con artists looking to take advantage of people who have already been through more than enough," says Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta, responsible for consumer protection.

Thankfully, as with other types of criminal activities, the best way to avoid being victimized by fraudulent contractors is to know how to tell the difference between legitimate and illegitimate offers.

"There are some simple steps homeowners can take to protect themselves before hiring a contractor," said Klimchuk.

Under the Alberta Fair Trading Act, contractors who enter into contracts outside a regular place of business and ask for money before the job is completed are required to have a prepaid contractor licence from Service Alberta and post a security.

As such, homeowners should make it a practice to insist on seeing that contractor licence before agreeing to any work being done, and especially before any money changes hands.

"Homeowners may want to contact homebuilders or trade associations for a list of professional contractors and should hire only after checking references and contacting local Better Business Bureaus for a company's complaint history," she said.

To help homeowners identify scam contractors, the government has issued the following tips:

- Beware of unsolicited door-to-door offers or deals from contractors who claim to be in the area;
- Check to see if the contractor is licensed by calling the Consumer Contact Centre toll free at 1-877-427-4088;
- Obtain several estimates and ensure contracts are in writing, including start and finish dates, and materials to be used.

Police say the sooner they know about contractor scams operating in the region the sooner they can launch investigations and lay charges.

As such, residents are encouraged to report suspicious activities right away - after all, anyone who makes it their business to rip off vulnerable homeowners deserves prompt police attention.

Correction

In the July 20 edition of the *Didsbury Review* the story, Real estate activity slows down, said College Green Apartments had vacancies. It is in fact, Campus Green Condominiums. Legacy Village is also in Olds. The *Didsbury Review* apologizes for the errors.



Commentary

Census plans very misguided

It will be interesting to see what reasons the Conservatives offer for killing the long-form census when the Industry, Science and Technology Committee reconvenes in the near future, given every argument trotted out to date for the decision has little or no basis in fact.

The Conservatives decided last month without warning to eliminate the long-form of the census that happens every five years in Canada. The long form, which can total as many as 40 pages, provides a deeper look at Canada and Canadians, asking about religion, living arrangements, ethnicity and levels of education and dozens of other factors. The collated data is then analyzed and distributed to government to help craft policies that will best suit Canadians at that time.

Anyone who receives a long form, like anyone who receives any census form, long or short, is legally obligated to fill it out and return it. It is this element, along with some misplaced concern about invading Canadians' privacy that the Conservatives say led to their decisions. If they are to be believed, Conservative members of

Parliament have received hundreds of thousands of complaints about the long form and the detail it requires. Yet in 15 years, the privacy commissioner has received exactly three complaints, none of which were actually upheld.

The Conservatives further argue the standard census form, along with a new voluntary long form, will provide just as accurate a snapshot of the country as the mandatory long form, even if it means spending \$30 million more because more voluntary forms will have to be filled out to achieve the same reply percentage the mandatory long form generates. Yet every single agency and business with a vested interest in census numbers, including the former head of Statistics Canada, disputes this claim. From economists to statisticians to bureaucrats, no one believes the information contained in the standard form will provide enough detail. And the prevailing consensus is, a voluntary form will lead to inaccurate information as only certain individuals will bother responding, leading to a discrepancy between what the respondents say and what Canada actually is.

What the Conservatives seem to be ignoring is the value of the information Statistics Canada and the government receives. From migration to workers to income to ethnicity, the census gives government direction and a tool to develop sensible policy that can target certain elements of our country that might be disadvantaged. If we were a libertarian state, this wouldn't matter because we simply wouldn't care about anything but our own livelihoods. But Canada is inclusive and Canadians want to help one another. The best way to do that is to know who needs help and create sound policy that will give disadvantaged groups the opportunity to succeed.

The Conservatives can invoke Pierre Trudeau's infamous "bed-rooms" quote all they want, but this is not about invading privacy. This is about having an accurate picture of the country on which the foundation for good and sensible decisions can be made. It measures the overall health of the state, something our government should be willing to care for.

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Town of Didsbury after hours pager	403-507-3624
Planning & Infrastructure	403-335-3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	403-335-8719
Didsbury Information Line	403-335-2030
Community Services & FCSS	403-335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	403-335-2005
Aquatic Centre	403-335-7369
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Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
Library	403-335-3142
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY

Monday, September 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed on August 13, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

HO 10-13	2109 - 25 Avenue	Home Occupation - Gift Baskets (with conditions)	R2
DP 10-60	2305- 17 Avenue	Addition to Single Family Dwelling (with conditions)	R1
DP 10-61	210 Valarosa Place	Single Family Dwelling with attached garage/deck (with conditions)	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on August 10, 2010.

Alana Gibson, Development Officer
Dani Woodman, Development Officer



Thinking of Running for Town of Didsbury Council?

October 18, 2010 is the Municipal Election.
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If you are interested or would like more information stop by the Town Office and pick up a package on:

ELECTION 2010 INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

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For more information call Luana Smith at 403-335-3391.

2 Teen Nights

Tuesday, July 27 and Thursday, August 19, 2010
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Town of Didsbury & The Back Door

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DIDSBURY

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Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place 403-335-8719 to register

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS RAIN / HAIL STORM - JUNE 23, 2010

The Town of Didsbury is gathering information from town residents who suffered uninsurable losses during the rain/hail storm that hit the Didsbury area on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. If you were affected by overland flooding or any other uninsurable loss as a result of this storm please call Martina Ward at the Town Office at 403-335-3391 by Monday, August 16, 2010. You will be required to provide general information regarding the damage.

This information will be used to make a claim to the Disaster Recovery Program through the Alberta Emergency Management Association for disaster relief funding. This application must be made through the municipality and cannot be made directly to the province by an individual. Please do not delay in getting work done to correct damage resulting from the storm as this may have serious health consequences. Do keep all receipts of work done to correct the damage from the flooding and if possible, photographs of the damage.

There is no guarantee of a successful application, however, respondents will be contacted when a decision has been received by the Town of Didsbury.

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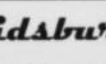
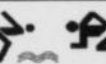
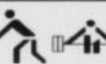
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For questions or to register please call the Aquatic Centre at 403-335-7369

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Contact Luana Smith at 403-335-3391 or by email at lsmith@didsbury.ca for more information.

Summer Games athlete scores bronze

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

April Onishenko was right on target.

The 15-year-old Didsbury product landed a bronze toss at the Alberta Summer Games with a 23.63-metre throw.

She aimed for a spot on the podium - and was beaming last week when she came home with a coveted medal from the U17 female javelin throw. She also earned fifth for female heptathlon.

"I kept seeing others get cut out of the competition until there was just four people left ... I was like 'this is it, I could be getting a medal,'" she said.

"It was pretty exciting."

Onishenko picked up the javelin for the first time last May, when her mother - a track and field coach and Zone 2 representative



April Onishenko practices her form (above) before posing with the bronze medal she earned at the Alberta Summer Games.

By Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

for the Summer Games - suggested she take up a throwing event.

She learned the basics three days before tryouts and still earned top spot. That's when she realized this could be her new sport.

"This is something I have a lot of fun with and that I am good with so it's definitely my favourite," she said.

"I am big into basketball and it's kind of like that. It's about gaining momentum before planting and shooting."

Onishenko was nervous about joining the contingent of local athletes heading off to the games but it hit her hard when she was about to jump hurdles in the heptathlon event.

"I thought it was going to be a gong show. I practised twice before I went."

Things looked up when she

earned fourth in her heat during the first set and fifth overall. She beat her personal javelin record when she threw 25.48 metres.

Her mom, Connie, watched from the sidelines and said everything seemed to be connecting for her daughter.

"She is a very detailed person and that worked for her here ... throwing can be very technical," Connie said.

"I'm very proud of her."

Zone 2 athletes mined the games, with 94 medals, including 25 silvers and 34 gold. The group also won the Minister's Cup for most improved from the previous Summer Games.

There were several athletes who made it to the podium from Mountain View County. Olds' Mitchell Ormann earned two bronze and a silver in swimming, while Sundre's Ryley Penner took home five gold medals for

canoe/kayak. The community won 11 gold in canoe/kayak events during the week-long competition.

Didsbury had a series of athletes in the Games but Onishenko was the only one to make it to the podium. Zacharia Overwater earned fifth in basketball, while Garreth Archer won fifth for U17 male discus throw and Emily Krebs sixth in softball. Martine Van Besouw won sixth for U17 female long jump and eighth in U17 javelin throw.

One of the most successful athletes during the Alberta Summer Games was Carstairs' Nathaniel Cross. The athlete won first in U15 male long jump with a 5.69 distance and high jump at 1.87.

Scouts were "all over him," Connie said.

She coaches track and field at Olds Koinonia and said Cross's

father came up to her thinking his son would be a good candidate for track. The 13-year-old was already making a name for himself in basketball and football.

"So I said sure ... we sent him out and when we first timed him I thought our stopwatch was wrong," she said.

The kid was that fast.

Connie knew before Cross competed at county track and field last May, he'd break records - and he did. He also broke the record for high jump in the Alberta Summer Games. Scouts were scrambling to pick him up.

He decided to go with Calgary International Track and Field Club, where he'll get two weeks training for better form.

"This guy is still raw. I'm not sure how high they'll get him but he has lots of developability left," Connie said.



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<p>Knox United Didsbury 1406 - 19th Avenue Minister Nancy Nourse Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday, Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers. Sunday school provided for ages 3-17. For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 403-335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.</p>	<p>Bedeemer Lutheran LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA 1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week</p>	<p>Chinook Winds Christian Centre 1710 - 14th Street Didsbury SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 a.m. Dynamic Worship and Bible Teaching Children's Ministry & Nursery Services Ph/Fax: 403-335-3551 • Email: cwcc@tairenet.com Senior Pastors: Richard & Beth Kope Associate Pastors: Corey & Erin Kope Celebrating 25 years in Didsbury Members of Ministers Fellowship International</p>
<p>West Zion Mennonite Church South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 403-337-2020 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during service. EVERYONE WELCOME!</p>	<p>Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church 14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan Office: 403-335-4422 Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m. For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.</p>	<p>Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Corner Hwy 582 & 20th Ave. Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor John Reimer, Associate Pastor (Life Groups & Worship) Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor (Global Connections & Youth) Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries Sunday Services Sunday School for all ages 9:30am Worship Service 10:45 a.m. ...with Children's Programs for up to Grade 6</p>

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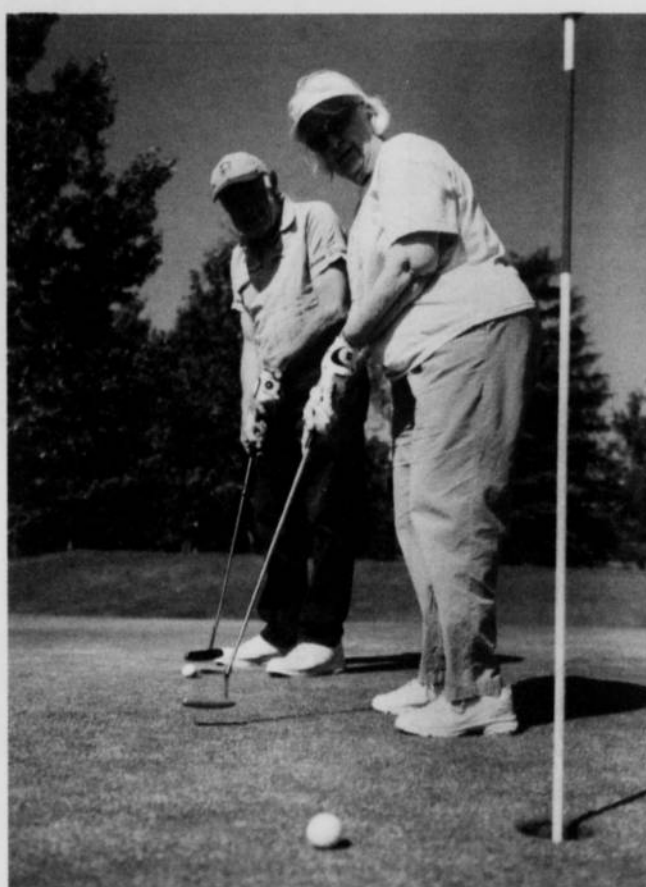
summer fun



Brian Jones and Shane Classen enhance a roof near 14 St. and 20 Ave. in Didsbury.



Summer camp students, Jhgr Bishop and Colten Dougay play "Sorry" during a Summer Fun camp. Wyatt Aarsby, 5, (right) takes a ride at Memorial Complex.



Allan and Donna Little enjoy a game of golf at the Didsbury Golf Club.



Donna Laverdiere, her niece Payge and mom, Ruth cool off with ice cream.

Legends driver competes in million-dollar derby

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Grant McDonald was as eager for a shot at Legends Million glory as the rest of the drivers revving up at the Charlotte Motor Speedway last week.

Over 250 drivers from across the United States and Canada competed at the three-day race in Concord, N.C. for the million-dollar purse. McDonald went down to the race with 10 other Albertans — keen on the first place \$250,000 prize. But the competition was fierce.

"You were up against 250 of the best drivers and they all wanted that money," McDonald said.

"The atmosphere was deadly serious ..."

McDonald pit his new Legends car in the Masters division. It had been built just for this occasion, after he spun out at Mac's Froster 50 at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway in Saskatoon,

June 20. The frame on his old car was "trashed," he said.

"I was sitting backwards and the whole field was going by. This guy didn't see me and ran into the back of my car at full speed and hit me into the wall."

He was OK — but the crash meant having a car built from scratch in three weeks. He rode it for the first time at the speedway and said it was cramped. He couldn't take his foot off the gas the way he should and shot around the corners.

"I was on a new speedway, in a new car ... I definitely felt at a disadvantage."

He placed in the top 13 in the Masters heat. Only the first five made it to the heat that would determine who'd get the cash purse but McDonald took comfort in being in the top 25 per cent. He plans to head back to the United States this winter to compete in the Florida Winter Nationals.

McDonald, 50, started racing almost 20 years ago. It was a short three-year stint and he didn't take it up again until his wife bought him a pass to a Legends racing school for his 45th birthday.

He won the Chase Cup in the semi-pro division in 2006. This year he's earned second in the EIR Northern Points Championship Masters division and fourth in the Chase Cup. He's ranked fourth overall in the Legends Cars of Alberta standings — and the season's just begun. There are at least five more races before Canada's circuit is over and McDonald hopes to climb into second or third before then.

"Ira Laughy is really fast, so I don't think I'll be able to catch up to him unless I work awful hard ... and I don't want to do that. This is just a hobby. It's for fun," he said.

Laughy is sitting in first place in the Masters division.



Grant McDonald.

By Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review



Carstairs firefighters rushed to the scene of a car accident on the QEII, just south of the Carstairs exit, last Thursday. A 48-year-old woman was taken to the Foothills Hospital with a broken hand and forearm, while a 67-year-old man was airlifted with more serious injuries. Alcohol is not considered a factor in the crash.

Sylvia Cole/Didsbury Review

Vandals strike post office

Postmaster steamed to see \$2,000 in damage

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

It wasn't something postmaster Sherry-Lynn Loehr expected to see when she opened the doors to the post office, Monday morning.

Graffiti etched into the building's newly poured cement steps.

The words, which 'Grad 2010' and 'Cindy loves Curtis,' could cost the federal office up to \$2,000 to repair. It had just jackhammered the steps and poured cement, something post office employees were excited to see done.

The old and chipped stairs had been a safety concern.

"I am just amazed that

this happened ... the kids ruined the shape of the stairs so we'll have to redo it," Loehr said.

"...I think these kids - whoever they are - should go back to school for doing something so stupid."

Mats now cover most of the finger drawings and the police have been contacted about the vandalism.

Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Diesel filched from county

Over 1,000 litres of diesel fuel was stolen last week from a rural property belonging to Mountain View County.

On July 15, property on Twp. Rd. 29.2 and Rge. Rd. 28.2 was broken into and several large truck batteries were stolen, along with 1,000 litres of fuel. Police ask that anyone approached to purchase fuel or batteries contact the police.

Residents help foil theft

A 45-year-old Saskatchewan man who'd stolen a vehicle in Didsbury last week, was stopped in his tracks by people who recognized the truck, police say.

Police received word of a driver heading east out of town with a vehicle stolen from a home on 20th Avenue, on July 20 and gave chase, before hearing the man had returned to Didsbury. He was at the local Fas Gas.

When they got there the thief was standing at the gas station, waiting.

"Someone at the scene knew it was stolen and removed the keys from the truck; he couldn't get away," said RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

"So he was just standing there when we got to Fas Gas."

The man is facing charges of refusing to provide a breath sample and theft of a motor vehicle over \$5,000.

Farmyard broken into

An abandoned farmyard south of Hwy 766 was broken into last week.

Electrical wire and construction equipment was stolen, July 18 around 10 p.m. A suspicious vehicle had been seen in the area around that time and police are following up on the information.

Well sites targeted

Office furniture and tools were filched from a well site, southwest of Didsbury.

On July 21, at around 9 a.m. items were found missing. Police are currently investigating and say it's unknown if the latest break-in has any other connections to break and enters in the rural area.

"We just want to remind the public and people in the rural areas to keep an eye out for anyone suspicious in and around well sites," said RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

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1. Most beloved citizen?	21. Best local band/musician?	41. Best pizza and pasta?	61. Best car wash?
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Community briefs

Off-site levy revealed

Developers could be paying almost double to hook new communities up to this town's sewer systems, water pipes and roads.

For the last year the Town of Didsbury has been negotiating with developers and are set to release a proposal online, August 1. It could have industry paying a large share of the infrastructure costs.

As they should – said Roy Brown, chief administrative officer.

"We aren't recovering costs so the burden falls on taxpayers. That shouldn't be the case," he said.

"Tax monies should be spent on library services and paying administration."

The municipality has been using tax dollars to subsidize infrastructures to new developments for the last five years. This is the first time they've looked at restructuring the off-site levy.

The process will cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Brown was tight lipped about what the new fee will look like, but said it will not look at splitting up the rates between commercial, residential and industrial developments – as was first suggested last year.

As it stands industry pays a flat rate of \$17,000 per acre despite it costing more to service one development over another.

That rate is expected to double – reaching approximately \$34,000 per acre.

"It is a concern when it goes up like that ...because our base price on land will go up," said Gord Kerr, with Dreamwood Homes.

The proposal will be open to feedback from industry and residents for a month, before it's voted on in the fall by newly elected councillors.

Renovations almost done

A \$40,000 renovation to spruce up the entrance of the Didsbury Memorial Complex is reaching completion.

The upgrades, which include a front desk in the lobby, will help bump up staff visibility and security measures, said Roy Brown, chief administrative officer.

"Two years ago our staff was concerned they couldn't monitor who was coming into the building because they were off to the side ... people were sneaking in."

Then there were those who were coming into the building and not knowing where to sign in. Installing a front desk in the lobby, "just made sense," Brown said.

The lobby upgrade isn't the only renovation on the list. Staff is about to do minor changes to the arena, like roof patching and repair to the puck board. The HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system is also on the list. It has to be finished by March 31, 2011.

Town of Didsbury staff had hoped to have the new ventilation system in this summer but bids came in too high – about \$80,000 over budget.

The system will be paid for with \$270,000 in provincial and federal grants.

Sewer policy passed

A sewer policy steeped in controversy was passed without fanfare earlier this month.

"I think there was a lot of opportunity for discussion and this (new) policy explains a lot better about the responsibility of what, when and where," said Councillor Bob Davidson.

"There seemed to be a lot of confusion before."

The original policy was, as one councillor put it, 'a mistake.'

It seemed to hand over responsibility for sewer pipes entirely to landowners and it was never intended to do that, said Mayor Brian Wittal.

When the Residential Sanitary Sewer Service policy was first proposed last April it put the onus on homeowners to investigate and repair pipeline leading from the house to the main – usually at the centre of the road. Under the new rules, homeowners would have had to hire a plumbing contractor, acquire permits and place temporary street pavement patches on roadways.

It made sense to councillors; after all "the responsibility shouldn't stop at the property because the pipe goes farther than that," said Coun. Bob Davidson.

But four residents who caught wind of the policy and attended the council meeting asked councillors to reconsider or at least call on the public for input. People shouldn't have to pay to repair the pipeline if the cause is poor infrastructure, they said.

A final decision on the policy was put over to June 8 – that was changed to June 29 and later, July 7, as the town realized the policy was 'incorrect' and set out to fix the gaffes.

"The biggest thing was the policy made it look like residents are responsible for replacing and repairing their sewer line from the house to the main and that is incorrect. Replacement is to the property line where it has always been and always will be," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

Donnally McNeil, who slammed the original policy, thanked the mayor for changing it during a coffee chat meeting last month, which he 'appreciated.'

"It wasn't our intent to shift responsibility. It was an error that we caught and adjusted. Now it's very plain and straightforward so no one should be confused about who needs to do what."

"It wasn't our intent to shift responsibility. It was an error that we caught and adjusted."

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